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## WILL CONSIDER STANDING HERE OF COMMUNISTS

Arguments End and Secretary  
Wilson Takes Question of  
Aliens in Advisement

FLARE-UP IN HEARING  
Judge Anderson's Statement  
Upheld by Attorney

(By The Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—Secretary of Labor Wilson, after an all-day argument, took under advisement tonight the question whether membership in the communist labor party in itself constituted grounds for deportation of aliens. At the hearing there was a flare-up over statements attributed to Federal Judge Anderson of Boston that the government "operates some part of the communist party in this country." Swinburn Hale of New York, upholding it, and J. Hoates some part of the communist party ver of the department of justice declaring it an "unjustifiable misconception of the facts."

Armed with communist literature, Hoover attempted to show by quoting lengthy excerpts the relationship between the communist labor party and the third international.

Asserting that John Reed, last reported in Finland for affiliation with the bolsheviks, was the founder of the communist labor party, Hoover declared it was like all other communist organizations, "a gang of cut-throat aliens who have come to this country to overthrow the government by force."

Attributes Strikes to Communists.  
Fifty per cent of the influence behind the railroad strikes, Hoover said, was directly traceable to the communist organizations. Attorney General Palmer tonight denied the statement by Hale at today's hearing that Louis C. Fraina, described as secretary of the communist party in America, was an agent for the department of justice. Fraina, he said, had never rendered any service to the department.

Informants Were Used.  
Discussing the department's activities in connection with raids and deportation proceedings, the attorney general said:

"Certain statements have recently appeared in the public press to the effect that the department of justice has had its agents actively identified in the formation of the communist party and the communist labor party, and was to a large extent responsible for the agitation and unrest caused by those two organizations through their propaganda. There is no foundation whatever for this charge. Of course the department has used confidential information ever since its bureau of investigation was established, but they are under strict instructions not to engage actively in any organization under their investigation. There is no instance in the administration of the department of justice where any confidential informant has ever actively engaged in the counsels of the communist party or the communist labor party. One of the specific instances charged to the confidential informants of the department of justice is to the effect that they were instrumental in the holding of meetings of the communist party Jan. 21, 1920. That was the regular meeting night of the communist party throughout the country, which held its meetings on the first Friday of each month.

Individuals Held Without Warrant.  
"Certain references have been made to the holding of individuals without warrants in the deportation proceedings. In the large number of simultaneous arrests made throughout the country there were naturally a few isolated cases in which individuals were arrested for whom no warrants were in hand. Sometimes this resulted from mistaken identification and sometimes because of other circumstances not easily foreseen. They were negligible in numbers and warrants were promptly requested for such persons when taken into custody by the department of labor."

## DIREST CATASTROPHE FACES WORLD UNLESS PEACE COMES—NITTI

(By The Associated Press)  
SAN REMO, April 24.—Premier Nitti of Italy in an interview granted French newspaper correspondents today prophesied that unless peaceful conditions were brought to Europe the world would face the direst catastrophe. "We must make peace at once and everywhere," Signor Nitti declared. "There is only one means to attain this result—conquered and conquerors must be made one."

## FAMILY OF EIGHT FOUND MURDERED IN N. DAKOTA; YEAR OLD CHILD ESCAPES

RYAN IS CHIEF ACTOR  
WALL ST. SENSATION

Adds \$1,650,000 to Fortune  
in Stutz Stock Deal; Shorts  
All Pony Up

(By The Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, N. Y., April 24.—Allan A. Ryan, son of Thomas Fortune Ryan, is said to have added \$1,650,000 to his wealth today when fifty-eight other brokers agreed to pay him \$550 a share for stock of the Stutz Motor Car Company which they had sold short at prices ranging from \$100 to \$399.

He and a protective committee representing the short interests signed an agreement ending a controversy which had furnished the greatest Wall street sensation in years. The controversy began March 31 when the exchange suspended trading in Stutz after the price had been jumping rapidly under shorts' efforts to cover. There followed charges and counter-charges. Ryan accused members of the board of governors as being short in the stock. Other members of the exchange accused him of having an illegal corner which would prevent him from enforcing the usual obligations of a broker to deliver stock he had sold.

## AIRPLANE FALLS INTO CROWD, KILLING BOY INJURING 2 OTHERS

(By The Associated Press)  
FORT SMITH, Ark., April 24.—Virgil Jordan, 14, was killed; Arthur Scott, 16, was so badly injured he may die, and Bob Fogg, an ex-army aviator was less seriously hurt at Sallisaw, Okla., at 4 o'clock this afternoon when an airplane driven by Fogg fell forty feet and plowed its way through a crowd of 2000 people, according to a special dispatch received here. Young Jordan's head was severed from the body by the propeller. Scott suffered internal injuries, being pinned in the wreckage of a touring car the airplane crashed into.

## JOHNSON INCREASES HIS LEAD IN MONTANA RACE

Bryan Is Democratic Favorite  
in Flathead County

(By The Associated Press)  
HELENA, Mont., April 24.—Senator Hiram Johnson of California increased his lead over his republican opponents for presidential endorsement in yesterday's primaries as further returns were received today. Returns from 203 precincts in ten of 51 counties in the state and scattering returns from Sweet Grass county showed, Johnson 7,164; Wood, 1,776; Hoover, 1,503; Lowden, 1,479; Harding, 173.

Bryan was the favorite with democrats in Flathead county, polling four to one over President Wilson and twenty to one over Hoover and former Secretary McAdoo.

## McALLEN'S 35-PIECE BAND WILL REHEARSE SUNDAY

(Special to The Herald)  
McALLEN, Tex., April 24.—Sunday afternoon McAllen's band will meet for its second rehearsal and expects soon to appear in public for a first of a series of concerts.

Some thirty-five musicians have been gathered together and the city anticipates a musical organization unsurpassed by any city of its size in southwest Texas.

## COMICS FAIL TO ARRIVE.

Due to the railway strike and the express and other embargoes, The Herald's supply of comic sections failed to arrive for today's issue, and it is regretted that this edition must go out without them.

## WEATHER

Louisiana—Sunday and Monday, probably showers; somewhat cooler Monday.  
East Texas—Sunday showers, cool in west portion; Monday probably fair and cooler in east portion.  
West Texas—Sunday, generally fair in southwest portion, clearing in north and east portions, cooler except in the Panhandle; Monday fair.

(By The Associated Press)  
TURTLE LAKE, N. D., April 24.—Eight persons were found dead today at the farm home of Jacob Wolff, 3 miles north of here. The victims of the mysterious tragedy are:

JACOB WOLFF and his wife.  
Their five daughters.  
BERTHA, aged 13.  
EDNA, aged 8.  
MARY, aged 10.  
LYDIA, aged 5.  
MARTHA, aged 4.  
JAKE HOFER, aged 13, who was employed on the farm.

Only one member of the family escaped, Emma, 8 months old.

Indications are that a murder was committed in the kitchen of the Wolff home and that the weapon used was a hatchet.

The bodies of the mother, three daughters and the hired man were thrown into the cellar by the slayer or slayers and those of the father and two daughters put in a cowshed and barn and covered with hay.

(By The Associated Press)  
BISMARCK, N. D., April 24.—The bodies of Jacob Wolff, his wife, their four children and a farm hand were found by a neighbor today on the Wolff farm north of here. Numerous empty shotgun shells lay scattered about the place, indicating that the seven had been shot.

The number of victims in the murder mystery increased to eight tonight with the finding of another body, according to reports received here. A bloody hatchet was found in the cellar and it is believed some of the victims were killed with it.

The first seven bodies were discovered by John Kraft, a neighbor, when he visited the place today. In a barn he found the bodies of Wolff and the hired boy, Jake Hoffer lying on the floor with blood clotted about wounds on their heads. Pigs were gnawing the bodies.

Kraft then rushed to the house, where, in the cellar, he found the bodies of Mrs. Wolff and the four children lying in a heap on the floor. There was no evidence of a struggle, according to reports received here and as Wolff is known to have had no enemies, the sheriff's office here was unable to offer any theory for the tragedy.

The only member of the family who escaped unhurt was the youngest child, a one year old girl.

## FIRST TOMATOES FROM HARLINGEN'S OWN YARD

(Special to The Herald)  
HARLINGEN, Tex., April 24.—O. P. Scale purchased on the 21st inst., of Mrs. McCormack, the first batch of locally raised fresh tomatoes appearing in Harlingen this spring. These tomatoes were grown in the home yard, are well developed and fully ripe. Mr. Scale paid a fancy price and is the lucky bager of the first fruits of a coming splendid spring crop of this crimson checked fruit.

## AMALGAMATION OVERALLS CLUBS OF AMERICA, PLAN TO FORCE DOWN PRICES

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 24.—Amalgamation of the overalls clubs of the country into a national organization to force down prices will be attempted by the promoters of New York's "Ol' Clo's" parade today, it was declared by Walter J. Kingsley, one of the sponsors of the movement.

Following the procession up Broadway of Advocates of Old Clothes, Blue Denim and Gingham, which was cheered by thousands along the line of march, Kingsley stated that the next step will be the formation of a "national army" to wage war on high clothing prices by refusing to buy until quotations drop within "reasonable limits."

"The Cheese Club," he said, "is willing to undertake the amalgamation of the overalls clubs of the country into a national organization."

## GREGG WOOD IS WEARING OVERALLS WITH DIGNITY

(Special to The Herald)  
MISSION, Tex., April 24.—D. G. Wood, ex-mayor of Mission, and ex-president of the First National bank, now one of the union kings of the Valley, was the first of the local business men to don overalls, and he wears them with just as much dignity as when he appears in full dress suit.

## FACTORIES IN ILLINOIS ARE ASKING ACTION

Unless Cars Are Switched  
May Be Forced to Close,  
Bringing Distress

NEED GOVERNMENT HELP  
Would Get Labor Board Away  
From Washington

(By The Associated Press)  
CHICAGO, Ill., April 24.—While the Railroad General Managers' Association today reported "decided breaks in the ranks of striking switchmen, the Illinois Manufacturers' Association in a telegram to Senator Medill McCormick declared that manufacturing plants in Illinois would be compelled to close and untold distress would follow "unless railroads can switch our cars."

"The closing down of plants will create a calamity," the telegram read. "Our situation is very serious and we need the help of the strong arm of the government. Is it afraid to act?"

Mr. McCormick was asked to renew his effort to get the railroad labor board "away from the Washington atmosphere."

"How can the board justify its position not to deal with the situation except under certain conditions?" the manufacturers asked. "Jurisdictional strikes and labor politics increase the cost of living and are the cause of murders," the telegram read.

The cases of forty-two strike leaders arrested last week charged with conspiracy to violate the Lever act today were continued until May 3. Among those arraigned today before United States Commissioner Mason were John Grunau, president of the outlaw Chicago Yardmen's Association, and Harold Reading, head of the United Enginemen's Association.

"The government has not arrested you to force you to go back to work," Commissioner Mason said to the defendants, "but because you are charged with breaking a law. A man has a right to quit his work any time he feels like it. That's his constitutional right and it is not the intention of the government to compel you to return to duty."

(By The Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, N. Y., April 24.—In announcing today that engineers of the Lackawanna railroad would go on strike Monday, Edward L. McHugh, chairman of the executive committee of the striking railroad employees of the New York district, said the walkout would be in sympathy with strikers to whom the railroads have issued an ultimatum that they cannot return to work except as new men.

Declaring that the strikers' committee of 100 had been "double crossed" by the brotherhood chiefs in order to get them out of Washington, Mr. McHugh declared in a statement tonight that the men had reaffirmed their offer to return to work if protected in their seniority, and would settle the strike only on terms satisfactory to the men.

## AMALGAMATION OVERALLS CLUBS OF AMERICA, PLAN TO FORCE DOWN PRICES

tion to agree on what should be the 'maximum price' to pay for hats, shoes, suits, dresses, underwear, socks, stockings and such necessities and to pledge its membership to refuse to buy until wearing apparel can be bought within that 'maximum.'

"Old clothes must be worn until those 'maximum prices' arrive. Buy no new hat until you can get a good one for \$5, for example. Generally promote thrift and fight against the common tendency of extravagance."

"Already the club has received something like ten thousand letters endorsing its stand."

Coincident with the parade came announcement by the National Garment Association that ten thousand questionnaires had been dispatched to stores throughout the United States to learn merchants' opinion on just what constitutes "necessity" and "luxury" apparel within the meaning of the Lever anti-profiteering law. Men's, women's and children's clothing in all materials and at all prices were the subject of inquiry, it was added.

John H. Hahn, executive secretary of the association, said that one result would be to bring prompt understanding between the government and clothing manufacturers and merchants.

## TOPOLOBAMPO AND GUAYMAS CAPTURED BY SONORA'S TROOPS

## DEFLECTIONS IN NORTH GAINING IN MOMENTUM

San Fernando Garrison Is Reported to Have Gone Over to the Rebels

(By The Associated Press)  
TAMPAULIPAS, April 24.—Defections among Carranza troops in Tamaulipas are gaining momentum, reports filtering across the border here Saturday indicating that following closely on the heels of Colonel Gallegos' revolt at Linares, Nuevo Leon, near the Tamaulipas line, the Carranza garrison at San Fernando, ninety miles south of Matamoros, rebelled and is said to have joined with General Juan Andrew Almazan, an unconquered rebel leader whose forces have been intact for two years. The San Fernando garrison numbered about fifty men. The defections, however, involve small and scattered garrisons.

That there is growing unrest is further indicated in the arrival in Matamoros yesterday of reinforcements of about two hundred federal soldiers, bringing the garrison to three hundred, the largest it has been in five years. General Rafael Cologua, commander, requested the reinforcements, which came from Monterrey.

Confirmation of the reported San Fernando defection was not had in Matamoros last night, where Senor Cardenas, the district president, stated that he was in conversation with the jefe de politico at San Fernando over the telephone early Saturday, and nothing had been said regarding any trouble in that district.

Reports reached Brownsville last night that a train had been blown up on the Tampico-Monterrey branch of the Mexican National, interrupting traffic. Some credence is given this report, due to the virtually confirmed defection of the garrison at Linares, which is located on that branch.

The train which was due to reach Matamoros Friday night from Monterrey did not arrive until Saturday morning, and it was not known in Matamoros late Saturday whether it would start for Monterrey this morning.

## BERGEN IS NEW GERMAN VATICAN AMBASSADOR

(By The Associated Press)  
BERLIN, April 24.—Diego Von Bergen, who has been Prussian minister at the Vatican, has been appointed German ambassador to the Vatican, the Vossische Zeitung announced today.

Advices from Rome April 20 said the German government had concluded the negotiations for having all Germany represented diplomatically at the Holy See and that therefore Herr Von Bergen would be appointed German ambassador, the Prussian legation, of which he had been the head, being suppressed.

## SUBOTITSA INHABITANTS REVOLT, BUT SUPPRESSED

(By The Associated Press)  
BELGRADE, Jugoslavia, April 24.—A message from the Subotitsa dated April 20 and given out semi-officially here, reports that on the evening of the 19th a revolt broke out among the inhabitants of Subotitsa, in the Torenta district, which formerly belonged to Hungary. A crowd attacked the municipal police guards, killing two of them and seriously wounding five others. The fight was suppressed the next morning.

## FRENCH RAIL WORKERS CALL GENERAL STRIKE

(By The Associated Press)  
PARIS, April 24.—The Congress of French Railway Workers voted tonight to call an immediate general strike unless their demands are accepted, including nationalization of the railways.

## ATTEMPT TO LYNCH 6 NEGROES.

(By The Associated Press)  
JACKSON, Tenn., April 24.—An unsuccessful attempt to lynch six negroes charged with the murder of a country merchant near here, and Edward Martin, a white chauffeur, charged with criminal assault upon a young girl, was made by a mob composed of 350 citizens here tonight.

(By The Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—Capture by Mexican rebels of Topolobampo, to which American gunboats were despatched, and Guaymas was reported tonight in official dispatches.

Mazatlan, in which a number of Americans have concentrated, is still holding out, the report said, although it was not believed the small number of government troops would be able long to withstand attacks by rebel forces said to be moving on the town.

## AMERICAN SHIP CAPTURED.

(By The Associated Press)  
CALEXICO, Cal., April 24.—Fred McCoy, a rancher of Lower California, owner of the Edith D, a ship plying between ports on the Gulf of California, today said he had received word the vessel had been seized at Guaymas, Sonora, by Sonora officials. Guns were mounted on the ship after the seizure, according to the message. McCoy is an American citizen.

## GUARANTEES ARE MADE.

(By The Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—Assurances that the lives and interests of foreigners would be respected by the revolutionary forces were given in a telegram received tonight by the Mexican embassy from Colonel de la Huerta, head of the provisional government of Sonora. The message says:

"The military and civilians of Sonora have given all kinds of guarantees for the safety of the lives and interests of foreigners. The same attitude is being followed by the liberalist army in its advance south. I am recommending once more to General Flores to energetically prevent outrages against citizens and foreigners, giving them every facility for transacting their business."

## \$980 FOR AN ACRE OF ONIONS UNBEATABLE RECORD OF J. CLOUSE

(Special to The Herald)  
MISSION, Tex., April 24.—Joseph Clouse has broken most all previous records in yield of onions per acre. He sold one acre of onions for \$980 and for one and three quarters, one fourth of an acre being seed bed, he received \$991.25.

## FRENCH MAJOR KILLED IN SOLDIER-WOMEN FIGHT

Detachment Had Been Sent to Find Hidden Arms

(By The Associated Press)  
LONDON, April 24.—Numerous casualties in a fight at Trzynietz, Silesia, between workmen and French soldiers, citizen guards and Polish gendarmes are reported in a Berlin dispatch to the Central News.

Major Froumond of the French detachment was killed.

The trouble is declared to have started when the French commander, receiving information of a hidden store of arms, sent detachments of French soldiers and citizen guards to make a search. The workmen overpowered the detachment.

## ELSIE JANIS ROBBED.

(By The Associated Press)  
LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 24.—Elsie Janis, actress, reported to the police today that jewelry and other articles valued by her at \$10,000 had been stolen from her apartment at a local hotel.

## FASHIONABLE BRIDE WEARS \$4 CHAMBRAY DRESS AT THE ALTAR

(By The Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, N. Y., April 24.—An "overall wedding" took place in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel here today when Miss Gertrude Reinhardt of Brooklyn became the wife of W. Ramsay Frederick of Pittsburgh.

The Rev. W. D. Tucker of the Andrews Methodist church, Brooklyn, performed the ceremony in blue jeans. The groom and best man were similarly outfitted. The bride wore a \$4 blue chambray dress and the maid of honor a checked gingham.

An "overall reception" followed the marriage with virtually all guests garbed in blue denim, gingham and "made over" garments.

## HOBBY DECLINES MEXICAN PERMIT TO CROSS TEXAS

Mexican Officials, Unarmed, and in Civilian Attire, Want to Pass Through

(By The Associated Press)  
AUSTIN, Tex., April 24.—Request of the Mexican government to permit Mexican officials, traveling unarmed and as civilians, to cross Texas soil was refused tonight by Gov. W. P. Hobby in a telegram to the state department at Washington, although the Washington government could see "no objection to granting such permission."

Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby wired the governor as follows:

"Mexican government has requested permission for Generals Juan Jose Rios and Manuel Gambo and their staffs of about thirty-five persons, including women, to proceed via American territory from Nogales, Arizona, to El Paso, Texas, en route to hear homes in Mexico City. As this request appears to be entirely distinct from any movement of mobilized forces, this department sees no objection to granting permission with the understanding that the generals and their staffs travel ununiformed, unarmed and as civilians. I beg to request that you telegraph the department of state in accordance with the customary formality the assurance that acquiescence in the above mentioned request will be entirely agreeable to the state of Texas."

## Hobby Declines His Permission.

In declining the request, the governor tonight wired this answer to Secretary of State Colby:

"Replying to your telegram of the nineteenth, I beg to reiterate the position taken in each of my former telegrams. I am unalterably opposed to the transportation of Mexican troops or any military officials thereof, across Texas soil. Such transportation would likely provoke trouble and put the lives and property of American citizens along the border to a large extent at the mercy of the bandit forces opposing the forces represented by the generals forced to in your telegram."

## B. C. D. IS APPOINTED BY CITY COMMISSION

Five Business Men Named to Conduct Organization—Bank Bids Are In.

The board of city commissioners last night appointed a new Board of City Development, naming five leading business men, cutting the size of the board from seven members, heretofore, to five members.

The men named are:

John Gregg, president Merchants' National Bank.  
P. M. Lambertson, vice president First National Bank.  
W. G. Willman, druggist.  
C. L. Jessup, manager of the Johnson & Stiles plantation, and chairman of the former board.

J. B. Scott, president State Bank & Trust Co., and head of land improvement interests about the city.

The appointment of this board was determined upon by Mayor Cole and the commissioners after much consideration.

The commissioners also received, and rejected in all cases, bids from the local banks desiring to act as city depository. The First National Bank bid 2.50 per cent; the Merchants' National Bank 2.49 per cent, and the State Bank & Trust Co., 2.22 per cent.

The First National Bank, the present depository, will continue to be the depository until the end of the fiscal year, July, and bids will be again asked in the meantime.

## WOMAN HEADS SCHOOLS IN BERLINE FIRST TIME

(By The Associated Press)  
BERLIN, April 24.—Fraulien Gertrude Baumar has been appointed director of the department of public schools. She is the first woman to occupy a leading post in connection with the administration of home affairs.